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SUBJECT: NICOSIA AIRPORT AND AEROFLOT OFFER

1. BRITISH HAVE LEARNED THAT SOVIET OFFER NOW IS FOR FREE AIRCRAFT (AS MANY AS CYPRIOTS NEED) AND FUEL AT ONE-FOURTH WORLD PRICE. CAN BEGIN AT ONCE. DECEMBER 16 IS DATE BRITISH HAVE HEARD FOR LARNACA BEING READY.
2. TALKS HERE WITH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING FM DIRECTOR GENERAL VENYAMIN) LEAD BRITISH TO SUSPECT THAT CYPRIOTS WILL ACCEPT AEROFLOT OFFER, AND MAY EVEN HAVE DECIDED THAT ALREADY.
3. CONSEQUENTLY INSTRUCTIONS ARE DRAFTED AND IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARANCE TO GIVE HICOMER OLVER DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO OFFER USE OF AKROTIRI AIR BASE WHEN HE THINKS TIME IS RIPE. FCO OFFICIALS AGREE THIS MAY NOT STOP CYPRIOTS FROM ACCEPTING SOVIET OFFER, BUT AT LEAST THEN THEIR MOTIVES WILL BE CLEARER. SINCE INSTRUCTIONS ARE STILL BEING CLEARED INTERNALLY AND FONSEC CALLAGHAN UNLIKELY TO PASS ON THEM UNTIL MONDAY, BRITISH ASK THAT  
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